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## Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Results

The Lake County Sheriff's Office arrested **four (4)** people for drunk driving during the recent Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement initiative. In addition, **52** seat belt citations were issued, and a total of 134 citations were issued.

"Law enforcement officers have one of the toughest jobs in the country. Day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we work tirelessly to protect life, and have seen our fair share of troubling and devastating scenes," said *Sheriff Mark C. Curran Jr.* "Drunk driving crashes are all too familiar, and these senseless tragedies must stop."

Nationally in 2014, there were 9,967 people killed in drunk driving crashes, making up nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities that year. In fact, on average, more than 10,000 people died each year from 2010 to 2014 in drunk driving crashes.

"As your traffic safety partners, we do our best to make sure those traveling on the roadways are safe. Yet there's still so much for us to do. Help us spread the message: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, *Undersheriff Ray Rose* said. While this initiative is over, we will remain out in full force, keeping our roadways safe."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office joined forces with other law enforcement agencies and highway safety partners, throughout the state, in the Illinois Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown.

This initiative, part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns, was made possible by federal highway safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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